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Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
Cover nose and mouth when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow
Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
SOUTHERN STAR

Cargo plane with COVID-19 essentials lands at Mysore Airport

A view of the Mysore Airport. Picture right shows medical equipment being unloaded from an aircraft at an undisclosed location.

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (RK&BCT)- The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent nation-wide lockdown has stalled domestic and commercial flights. Still the skies are buzzing with regular cargo flights to transport critical medical equipment and supplies.

Several small airports in India including the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli have been earmarked as **Lifeline UDAN Airports** that will facilitate transport of medical cargo and other essential supplies across India at the time of the Covid-19 crisis. These small airports that were operating flights under *Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik* (UDAN) scheme have become a hub of medical transport in a war-like situation.

According to a press communiqué released by **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** yesterday, as many as 116 flights and choppers have already been operated by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF, Pawan Hans and private carriers under Lifeline UDAN.

Plane lands at Mysore Airport

As per plan, one Air India Dornier plane landed at Mysore Airport at 11.45 am today and carried medical cargo. However, the details of the cargo and the shipping location have not been disclosed by the Airport authorities. The aircraft left Mysuru at 1 pm.

The Civil Aviation Ministry says that 79 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is around 161 tonnes. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 1,12,178 kms. The bulk of the cargo planes have carried both light-weight and voluminous products like masks, gloves and other consumables, that require more space on the aircraft per ton.

COVID-19 related reagents

The Lifeline Udan cargo includes COVID-19 related reagents, enzymes, medical equipment, testing kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), masks, gloves and other accessories required by Corona warriors across the country.

The Ministry has granted special permission to store cargo in the passenger seating area and overhead cabins, with due precautions. The Lifeline Udan flights are being operated despite significant logistical challenges in road transportation of cargo to and from airports, production bottlenecks and in the movement of aviation personnel.

Apart from the Government-owned carriers, domestic cargo operators SpiceJet, Blue Dart and Indigo are also operating cargo flights on a commercial basis. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) developed a website for Lifeline Udan flights in a record three days to enable coordination between various agencies.

The website allows State Governments and airlines to upload their consignment and flights details respectively, in advance. The Aviation Ministry Control Room then assigns the cargo consignments to different flights and coordinates with multiple stakeholders till the consignment reaches its destination, the Ministry said.

First Coronavirus positive patient in Mysuru cured

Seven more positive cases today; total number 35

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (RK&BCT)- Amidst the dark clouds cast by the killer Coronavirus, here is a silver lining. The first patient to test positive in Mysuru has been cured and is likely to be discharged today evening. This positive news comes a day after lakhs of diyas and mobile phone lights lit Mysuru's landscape following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call, creating the much-needed positive energy.

The very first COVID-19 case in Mysuru was confirmed on Mar. 21. He is a man in mid-30s, a resident of the city, who had travelled from Dubai to Bengaluru via Goa. He went to K.R. Hospital and got himself admitted on Mar. 20 as he had fever and cough. The patient, however, did not meet his friends and family members and had got voluntarily admitted to the hospital. He was tested positive later.

Sources in Mysuru Deputy Commissioner's Office told *Star of Mysore* this morning that as per the COVID-19 testing protocol, the patient was being treated and so far several tests have been conducted on him. All the tests have been proved negative and the patient is not showing any symptoms now. All procedures have been followed as per the designated COVID -19 protocols and the patient has been cured and is fully recovered now, sources said.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy B.A.; B.L.
Mysuru, Monday 6th April 2020

Competence and *competitiveness*

The years of schooling, beginning nowadays at the tender age of three, ending at the level of graduation, followed by years to obtain post-graduate as well as doctoral degrees awarded by the nation's 973 Universities and nearly 45,000 colleges, are expected to create *competence* in diverse callings, mainly to be able to earn a livelihood. Given the rapidly rising number of outputs from the country's educational institutions, including those offering professional courses not getting employment, one is prompted to ponder seriously on the resources, time and effort spent in the matter of building competent workforce and raise the question: To what avail? Further, the proportion of the mass of students who enter the portals of schools at primary, secondary and higher secondary levels not making it to the colleges and even polytechnics makes the answer to the question raised above mind-boggling, to put it mildly. This proportion is presently in the radar of the Government which has launched the National Mission of skilling the human resources, an initiative taken not a day too late, and must be welcomed by all.

The graduates, armed with degrees in a multitude of subjects, including those scoring marks earning them distinction, identified as merited students, have the limited option of making a beeline to the coaching centres which charge a bomb for transforming the competent graduates to be *competitive* in order to get into the elite class wage-earners in Government (IAS), Industry (CEO) and own enterprises (Start-Up).

The West that had been dubbing India as a country of snake-charmers and Indians at large as a mass of people with cult-culture, performing miracles and magic suddenly woke up in the last decade of 20th century to find the nation's youth mastering computer software to the point of earning the global rating of world leaders in the calling. In addition, India's advances in rocketry and space exploration has further cemented the country's image as highly competitive. Pharmaceutical industry too has earned the distinction for the country as a leading producer of drugs, particularly life-saving vaccines.

A reference to the narrative in the epic *Mahabharatha* in which the Pandava warrior Arjuna as a competent archer outclassed his equal Ekalavya by virtue of reaching higher levels of competence prompts one to remark that *competence* and *competitiveness* are different kettles of fish. Lastly, all concerned with the economic health of the nation are obliged to take note of a report that India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th in a global index that measures competitiveness.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The likely impact of the spread of Coronavirus in a densely populated country like India has sent the country into an unprecedented state of lockdown. The economy was in the doldrums even before the virus struck. Most "casual" workers, who form a third of India's workforce, are forced to sit at home with no income. Self-employed people, who comprise half of India's workforce, suddenly find their shops shut. It is in such times that business leaders must come to the forefront and lead the fight against the anticipated social and economic challenges. Business families in the country have always contributed and willingly given back to the society — through their companies or in their personal capacity. *—Nupur Pavan Bang and Nandil Bhatia in Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

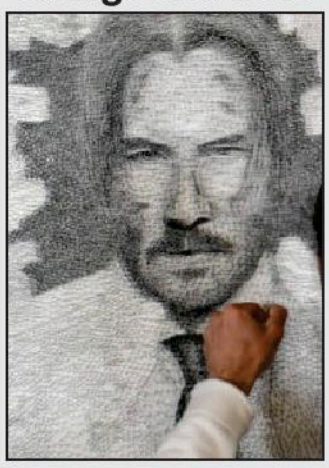
Man plays dead to circumvent Coronavirus lockdown

Poonch: One may have seen people hiding in bushes and wearing all kinds of silly disguises in order to go outside without being stopped by Police, but now you can add faking death to the list of things people have resorted to in order to circumvent the coronavirus lockdown.

Just like Italy, India imposed nationwide lockdown to fight the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic, which left many citizens stranded hundreds of kilometres away from home, with no way to return. That was the case of Hakim Din, a 70-year-old villager from Poonch, in the disputed Kashmir region. He was being treated for a minor head injury at a hospital in Jammu, a few hundred kilometres away from home, when the lockdown was enforced and he started looking for ways to get back. When an ambulance driver suggested that he play dead in order to get past the checkpoints, he jumped at the opportunity.

The ambulance driver also mislead authorities by showing them a fake death certificate from the hospital. However, at the last checkpoint before they reached home, the ambulance was stopped and the "dead bodies" inspected.

Incredible portraits with strings and nails



London: London-based Ben Koracevic is a self-taught string artist determined to push the boundaries of the art form.

Using thousands of nails carefully positioned on a blank white canvas and pieces of string with a collective length of over one kilometre, Ben Koracevic spends dozens of hours painstakingly recreating iconic portraits of celebrities, movie characters and even animals. The level of detail in his works is simply uncanny considering the materials he works with.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's the best drink to stop mouth bacteria?

Green Tea has been shown in a study to inhibit the growth of S. Mutans, a harmful oral bacterium. EGCG, the most powerful among green tea's polyphenolic compounds, greatly reduced the growth of mouth bacteria. Rinsing the mouth with green tea can inhibit the growth of S. Mutans within the mouth.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Managing COVID-19 crisis...

Jubilant Life Sciences Limited extends support to State Govt.

Mysuru, Apr. 6- Jubilant Life Sciences Limited, an integrated global pharmaceutical and life sciences company, has in a press release, said that it is providing support to the State Government in its effort to deliver effective health and safety services to manage COVID-19 crisis and has contributed a sum of Rs. 25 lakh towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The Company Spokesperson said, "At Jubilant Life Sciences we value the health and safety of our community and employees. We are continuously working towards ensuring that all their needs are met, taking necessary precautionary measures as well as following Government directed protocols. We are also working closely with the District and State Administration officials and are extending all necessary support for mitigating COVID-19 crisis."

The Company has distributed over 7,000 masks and around 325 litres of sanitisers to policy-makers, health and administrative staff within the State.

Furthermore, some of the daily wage workers are being supported through various networks to ensure access to food, masks and soaps.

To draw awareness and help citizens understand the gravity of the situation, the Company has initiated educational drives across multiple locations, focusing on the importance of social distancing, sanitisation and overall hygiene.

As a precautionary measure, the Nanjangud Plant operations have been temporarily suspended and all the personnel are under self-quarantine.

The Company has pro-actively engaged an external certified agency for disinfection and has completed the disinfection process for all the Plant areas to make the workplace safe and healthy.

The Company has distributed over 5,000 masks, 200 litres of sanitisers, essential food items, water and medical facilities to employees and their extended families.

Really...?

- ***One of the oldest public libraries in the country opened in 1790 in Franklin, Massachusetts, where residents circulated books donated by Benjamin Franklin. The Founding Father once started his own lending library in 1731 in Philadelphia called the Library Company, but it required a subscription fee of 40 shillings.***
- ***Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie was a one-man library-funding machine. The wealthy industrialist donated $55 million — or $1.6 billion in today's dollars — between 1886 and 1919 to open an astonishing 2509 libraries worldwide, including 1679 in the United States.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *1 Book + 1 Book?*
Student: *2 Books*
Teacher: *2 Books + 2 Books?*
Student: *4 Books.*
Teacher: *6,17,89,365 Books + 2,36,78,989 Books??*
Student: *LIBRARY !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.27
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.76
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.47

VOICE OF THE READER

Take legal action against lockdown violators

Sir,

This has reference to the report ***"Social distancing goes for a toss in city"*** (*SOM* dated Apr.3). It is indeed very distressing to note that people are not maintaining social distancing while purchasing groceries, vegetables and fruits at markets or stores. This includes the so-called educated elite of society living in apartments.

These people are found rushing towards the delivery van being sent round to their apartment gates, for purchase of vegetables and fruits, without maintaining social distancing and throwing caution to the wind. It is also seen that the suppliers are placing the products in crates on the roadside, which again poses a grave risk in spread of the Coronavirus.

It is strongly suggested to instruct these suppliers not to place their products in crates on the roadside. They may instead be placed in the van itself and the items be delivered to the buyers after taking their requirements and ensuring that the buyers do not crowd around in groups but maintain social distancing as laid down in the Government's lockdown rules.

Strict legal action ought to be taken against all those not following the social distancing norms and also flouting the lockdown rules.

—Ashok Bhushan
Vishveshwaranagar
4.4.2020

Public-spirited organisations must strictly conform to lockdown norms

Sir,

It is heart-warming to see various voluntary social organisations and Government representatives distributing safety kits, food, ration and essential commodity kits to COVID warriors and others who desperately need them in this time of crisis.

However, it was appalling to see that except in a few cases, social distancing was completely ignored and photo-ops seemed to take precedence over the all-important safety norm of keeping a minimum distance of 2-metre between persons when a lockdown is on.

The photographs send a wrong signal to lay persons and convey a laidback approach by dignitaries who should know better. We the citizens of Mysuru applaud the public-spiritedness of the organisations, but expect them to strictly conform to lockdown norms while at it.

— Prof. ASR Rao
Kuvempunagar
4.4.2020

Revision classes for SSLC students before exam: Minister

Suresh Kumar

Chamarajanagar, Apr.6 (SS&DM)- With the SSLC exam that was scheduled to commence from Mar.27 postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that a week-long revision classes will be held for students ahead of the exam.

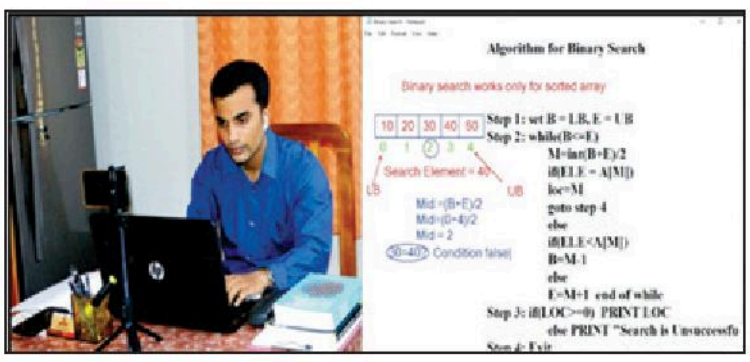
Speaking to presspersons after visiting Punajanur Check Post on Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border on Sunday, Suresh Kumar said that the new SSLC exam time-table will be announced after lockdown ends.

Pointing out that the objective of revision classes will be to prepare the students for exam after a holiday break, he said the classes will be held in all schools.

Maintaining that Delhi's Nizamuddin Tablighi Jamaat and Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics cluster cases were responsible for the spike in Coronavirus cases in the State, the Minister hoped that COVID-19 curve would be flattened by Apr.14, when the lockdown is scheduled to end.

Novel initiative: Online classes by Seshadripuram Degree College

Students express joy of learning from home even during lockdown



Mysuru, Apr. 6- Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, has started online classes for students, by making use of the technology, to enable students to reap the fruits of it during the lockdown period, while joining the nation to fight the COVID-19, by staying at home.

This novel initiative (virtual classroom) of Seshadripuram Educational Trust, started from March 30, 2020 for the benefit of the students, has earned lots of appreciation and gratitude both from parents of the students and well-wishers of the institution.

The students are given user ID and password to login to the IPOMO BIMBA app to access the 'online classes' live as per the time-table set beforehand. The IPOMO BIMBA app also enables students to download PDF, MP4 and JPEG files which are uploaded by teachers post the live classes in the app.

These files include class notes, group discussion and important questions to be worked out by students at home. The students can learn at their own space without feeling the absence of the live classes in the classroom.

The students have greatly benefited by these classes and have expressed their joy of learning from home even during the period of lockdown. The novel initiative of Seshadripuram Degree College has kept the students in touch with the academics, bearing in mind the welfare of its students and their academic excellence.

The live classes followed as per the schedule, include completion of syllabus, revision of the syllabus and live practice of practical classes. The students are also given opportunities to clarify their doubts both during live classes and post-live classes as well, according to a press release from Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College, Hebbal.

Jubilant Generics not to open until Corona enquiry is completed: N'gud MLA

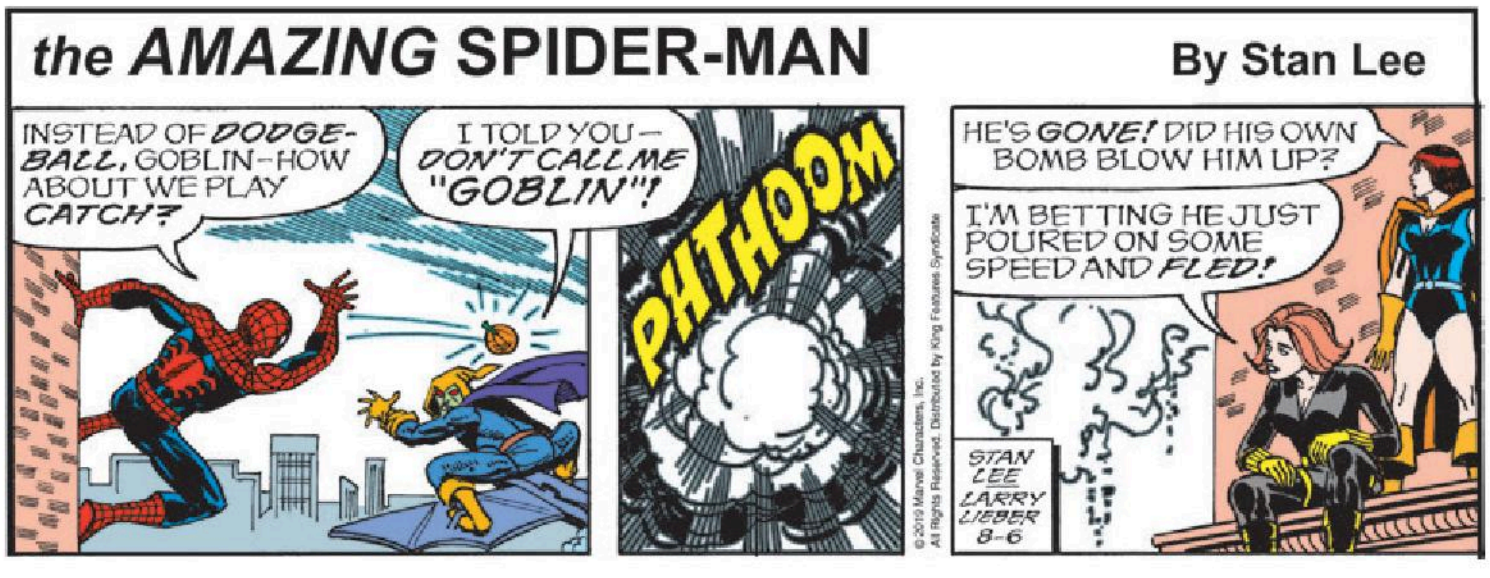
Harshavardhan

Nanjangud, Apr.6 (RS&DM)- Even as Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics COVID-19 cluster cases have become a cause of grave concern in Mysuru district, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan said that the Pharmaceutical Unit will not be allowed to re-open until full contact-tracing and enquiry into the origin of the infection is completed.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Harshavardhan said that the cluster cases discovered in Nanjangud is a blot on the town and has also brought scare among the people. Alleging that Jubilant Generics failed to take preventive and safety measures to check the spread of the virus, he questioned the industry's action of importing raw materials from other countries in March this year at a time when the deadly disease had turned pandemic.

He also alleged that the virus may have spread from the container vehicle which brought the raw materials.

Noting that samples of raw materials have been sent to a Pune Laboratory for Coronavirus test, he reiterated that Jubilant Generics will not be allowed to re-open until the test reports come and the enquiry into the spread of the virus is completed.


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
By Stan Lee
INSTEAD OF DODGE-BALL, GOBLIN-HOW ABOUT WE PLAY CATCH?
I TOLD YOU— DON'T CALL ME "GOBLIN"!
PHTHOOM
HE'S GONE! DID HIS OWN BOMB BLOW HIM UP?
I'M BETTING HE JUST POURED ON SOME SPEED AND FLED!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 8-6
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NEWS BRIEFS

Appointed as Notary

Advocate N. Chandrashekar has been appointed as a Notary by the Government of India and is authorised to practice as such throughout Mysuru district for a period of five years. Chandrashekar is a resident of Vidyaranyapuram in city.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	104.06 ft
Yesterday	104.22 ft
Inflow	94 cusecs
Outflow	713 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.82 ft
Inflow	132 cusecs
Outflow	1325 cusecs

650 persons under Home Quarantine in Hunsur

Hunsur, Apr. 6 (KK&DM)- With the Taluk Administration taking all measures to stop the spread of COVID-19, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Keerthikumar said that 650 persons are under Home Quarantine in Hunsur, including 14 from Nanjangud, out of which three are employees of Nanjangud's Jubilant Generics.

Pointing out that 350 employees of the Health Department, 218 ASHA workers, 70 Nurses and 40 Male Health Assistants are engaged in crating awareness on COVID-19, he said that all 23 Primary Health Centres in the taluk have been distributed masks and sanitisers.

Announcing that COVID-19 Task Force teams have been constituted, Dr. Keerthikumar said that every team will have two Doctors supported by a Tribal Health Unit and NGOs.

Noting that Mysuru district has been declared as Red Alert Zone, he said that there are chances that the lockdown that is scheduled to end on Apr. 14, may extend by a week in the district.

Pepper harvest, coffee processing badly hit in Kodagu

Madikeri, Apr. 6 (UNI)- Following the Novel Coronavirus and imposition of lockdown in the country and departure of the migrant labour force to their hometowns, the harvest of pepper and post-harvest process of coffee have taken a hit in Kodagu.

In the coffee land of Kodagu, most of the workers at these estates are primarily from north Karnataka and neighbouring districts, including Periyapatna and Hunsur taluks in Mysuru district. Local workers are also sourced for the job as the harvest area is large.

With Kodagu district facing severe natural calamity during the last two years now added with the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdown, many workers have returned to their home districts, barring a few who have been working in the plantations for many years and reside in the estates itself.

Migrant workers leave

Between 90 and 95 percent of coffee has been harvested after the lockdown curbs across the district, and the harvest of pepper, an inter-crop in coffee plantations, was to begin this month. Pepper is usually harvested between March and May, and estates in Kodagu largely depend on migrant workers for the task.

Coffee is cultivated on more than 1.05 lakh hectares in Kodagu. The industry has been in a State of crisis for the past two years as floods and landslips damaged crop and estates, besides affecting the overall productivity. The prices crashed, dashing the hopes of growers. The Government had announced relief for the sector post-floods, but the woes of planters have not stopped yet.

Directives to planters

After cases of COVID-19 were first reported in Kerala early this year, the Kodagu District Administration issued directives to planters not to source workers from Kerala as a precaution.

"The coffee harvest is almost done. Pepper harvest may get delayed following the lockdown and shortage of workers. We are facing a shortage of 50-60 percent workers, most of them were migrant and now a large number have returned to their native districts. We don't know what will be the scenario

after the lockdown ends, as we have to wait for the restoration of transportation and for the workers to return, as the resident workers cannot handle the large cultivated area," said C.K. Belliappa, Secretary, Coorg Planters' Association.

Post-harvest processing affected

The lockdown will also delay the post-harvest processing and handling of coffee. "The post-harvest activities used to go on until June, provided the interventions started after the harvest. We are in a wait and watch mode now," he added.

According to the Codagu Planters' Association (CPA), the migrant workers who haven't returned to their home towns despite the scare are safe in their homes in the estates. "The planters have provided them with all the essentials and have taken precautions for their safety. There is no need for them to step out," he said.

No permission to export

The rain fury last year destroyed plantations, and incessant rainfall resulted in extensive berry-dropping in coffee plantations. The District Administration had estimated damage to 1,02,034 hectares of coffee estates. The crop loss was pegged at Rs. 51.85 crore. This excludes the loss suffered in the 2018 deluge.

As a result, around 21,000 metric tonnes of coffee valued at over Rs. 400 crore is stuck in coffee curing centres and at various ports for non-availability of permissions to export.

Tashi Lhunpo Monastery donates Rs. 2.5 lakh to Prime Minister and CM Relief Funds

Bylakuppe, Apr. 6 (Rajesh& KS)- In solidarity with the concerted efforts to fight COVID-19 by the Central and State Governments, the Abbot and Monks of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Bylakuppe donated a total of Rs. 2.5 lakh to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister's Relief funds recently.

While Rs. 1.5 lakh was donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Rs. 1 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Also, dry rations for one month and face masks were distributed to 224 poor families in Bylakuppe and one month's dry rations, face masks and sanitisers were distributed to the Police.

Disinfectant sprayed

In a bid to prevent Coronavirus (COVID-19) from spreading, the Fire and Emergency Services personnel, along with Bylakuppe Gram Panchayat (GP), undertook spraying of disinfectant on all roads, drains and other places in Bylakuppe recently.

The spraying of disinfectant was taken up as many Coronavirus cases had come to light. Bylakuppr GP Members Manjunath and Raghu said that spraying of disinfectant should be taken up continuously or at least once in a month to prevent the spread of the virus.

Fire Station Officer Ajay Kumar, Panchayat Development Officer Shivayoga and staff M.D. Rajanayaka, Ramakrishna, Krishna and others were present.

Obituary

P.N. Srinath

Mysuru, Apr. 6- P.N. Srinath (52), Editor of *Srinath Patrike* and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram here, passed away last night at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife Shylaja, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

B.K. Suresh

B.K. Suresh (44), cloth merchant at Yashu Warehouse in Chamundipuram, passed away yesterday at private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his mother Yashoda Bai, wife, son, brother, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Chandrabai

T. Narasipur: Chandrabai (86), mother of T. Narasipur Taluk Tahsildar D. Nagesh, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru following age-related ailments.

She leaves behind four sons including Tahsildar D. Nagesh, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held today at her native place Shivamogga.

Kailasamurthy

Nanjangud: Kailasamurthy (84), a resident of Tayur village in the taluk, passed away yesterday.

Brother of pro Kannada activist Tayur Vittalamurthy, he leaves behind his wife Hemavathi, two sons, a daughter, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Tayur this noon, according to family sources.

Nagasundara

Hunsur: Nagasundara (70), wife of Sathyanarayana Gupta, Proprietor of Sathya Sai Petrol Bunk near the Old Bus Stand, passed away on Saturday following heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends, according to family sources.

India last night at 9: Lights out, Lamps on

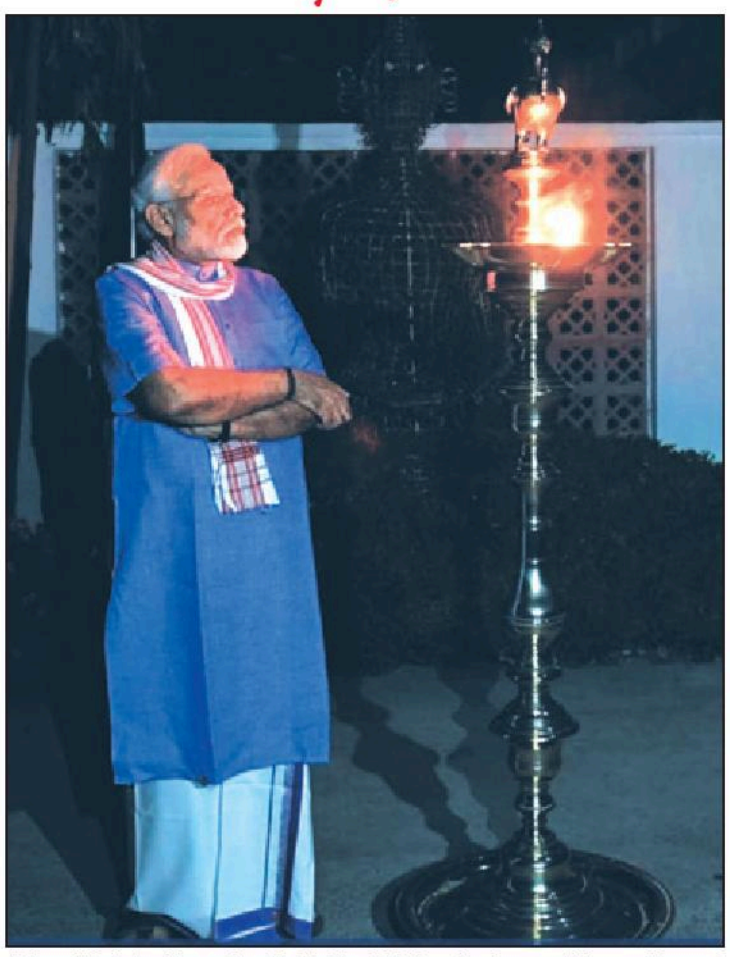
Crores of people respond to PM's appeal; light candles, diyas, turn on mobile phone torches

New Delhi, Apr. 6 (UNI)- Crores of Indians across the country including Mysuru, Karnataka's cultural capital, switched off lights at their homes and lit candles and diyas or turned on mobile phone torches last night, responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to show the nation's "collective resolve and solidarity" in its fight against Coronavirus with this symbolic gesture.

Switching of the lights in their houses people stood up to PM's call for unity. Interestingly, people rose above their political inclination to respond to Modi's appeal.

Much before the designated time of 9 pm, people turned off lights at their homes while lamps and candles lit up the streets as people stood in their balconies and at entrance doors in unison. Fireworks, sounds from beating of thalis, conches, whistles and Police sirens were also heard.

At many places the air resonated with the sounds of devotional songs, mantras and national anthem, in scenes similar to the ones seen across the country on Mar.22 when Modi had sought to rally Indians by asking them to come out briefly at 5 pm to show gratitude to health and other essential service providers.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi after lighting the lamp at his residence in Delhi yesterday. Picture right shows his mother Heeraben Modi holding an earthen lamp after turning off all lights at her house in Gujarat expressing solidarity to the PM's call.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa lit lamps at the balcony of his house in Bengaluru.

President Ram Nath Kovind, along with wife Savita, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and his wife Ushamma, several Union Ministers including Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, BJP patriarch L.K. Advani and prominent personalities from various fields including Bollywood lit diyas and candles.

Modi, who had on Friday urged people to turn off lights at their homes for nine minutes at 9 pm to display the country's collective resolve and solidarity to defeat the virus, posted on *Twitter* his own pictures of lighting lamp. People continued to stay outside while maintaining social distancing much beyond the nine minutes.

Earlier in the evening, scores of people were seen uploading pictures of preparations with diyas and candles to observe the nine minutes. People said that the atmosphere all around gave them a feeling like 'Deepavali' with the sounds of crackers and the vibrant lights of diyas.

Many were even seen dressed up in ethnic wear in the balconies holding on to the trays of diyas, while many people in some areas were seen holding their cell phones with the torches on facing towards the sky. Many people also sounded the conch and played mantras in their portable speakers and phones while the lights were turned off inside their homes. **[See also Page-9]**

Deve Gowda lights lamps, Revanna holds two candles; HDK tweets disapproval

H.D. Revanna last night.

Bengaluru, Apr.6 (UNI)- In Karnataka, Governor Vajubhai Vala, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, his Cabinet Ministers and lakhs of the ruling BJP's cadres joined the people in lighting the lamps. "Vala lit the lamp at 9 pm on the roof terrace of Raj Bhavan," said a communiqué from the Governor's office.

"It is again resolved that we are one and will fight against corona together," he said.

JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda also switched off lights, lit lamps and stood for 9 minutes at the balcony of his residence here.

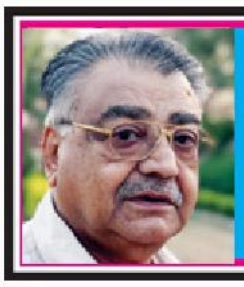
"Gowda has promised to cooperate with the Government in fighting the virus when Modi spoke to him earlier in the day from Delhi," a party spokesman said.

Deve Gowda's second son, who is known to be a firm believer in astrology, H.D. Revanna, responded to Modi's call and had posted a photo holding two candles.

Ironically, his third son and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy slammed Modi for indulging in theatrics and making the people light lamps when they were facing hardship due to the lockdown.

"Has the PM slyly asked the nation to observe a candle light vigil on the eve of Foundation Day of BJP? April 6 being its Foundation Day, what else can explain the choice of date and time for this event? I challenge the PM to offer a credible scientific and rational explanation," he tweeted.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, along with his wife Arpitha Simha and daughter Vipanchi, lit the lamps at his residence in Mysuru last night.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 11

Shivaji goes to Aurangzeb's Durbar... imprisoned

[Continued from April 4]

Three days after Shivaji's arrival, the Emperor was to hold a Durbar and Shivaji was summoned for his first interview with Aurangzeb. Accompanied by Raja Jai Singh's son Ram Singh, his son Sambhaji and attended by their retainers, Shivaji rode to the main gateway of the Palace. Here, they were asked to dismount. Only Princes of the Mughal blood were allowed to continue on horse back into the Palace enclosure from here.

However, Shivaji's arrival was heralded by the sound of trumpets from the band room over the gate. From that gate, Shivaji, along with his retainers, proceeded slowly through a red archway that ended at the outer Hall of Audience. On either side of this Hall of Audience could be seen the legendary Mughal gardens and courtiers in their colourful robes. There were pillars covered with gold leaves. In short, the Hall of Audience was magnificently adorned.

A courtier ushered Shivaji and Ram Singh,..... into the Hall of Audience which was attached to the main Palace. This was even more magnificent and spectacular. Just above the Hall of Audience was the balcony of the throne. The throne upon which the Mughal Emperor sat was known as "The Seat of the Shadow of God."

There was a flowered curtain at the back of the balcony and at about noon, to the sound of the trumpets and drums, this flowered curtain was drawn apart and Emperor Aurangzeb emerged walking in from his private quarters and took his seat on the throne. Behind him could be seen a massive peacock constructed out of blue sapphires and pearls. Over his head, there were two umbrellas of red velvet sewn with rubies. Wearing white silk robes and a turban made of gold cloth studded with diamonds, over

his forehead was an enormous topaz. A group of eunuchs were providing gentle breeze by stirring the air with specially made fans of yak's tails and of peacock's feathers.

Below the balcony, there were railed-in enclosures where invitees were seated according to their status. As if to impress or intimidate the invitees, with the possibility of the Emperor punishing any one in the audience for whatever reason the Emperor deems just, there was a Master Hangman standing in the middle of the audience. He was accompanied by forty other hangmen wearing a different dress and carrying a hatchet (heavy sword) on their shoulders while others carried metal or leather whips. Then began the slow ceremony of the Durbar.

As Emperor Aurangzeb entered the Durbar, all the courtiers stood up, bent their heads and crossed their hands upon their breasts expressing their supreme submission and awe at the royal appearance.

Then began the slow ceremonial protocol of the Durbar. Needless to say, it was elaborate. There was an elephant march in front of the Emperor. One Historian records that there were unicorns in the procession of animals. The power and glory this Mughal Emperor carried in his person was described by a Historian in the following manner: "Occasionally, the Emperor permitted himself a remark, an oral reaction to what he saw. Those around him of his household and eunuchs would lean forward to catch every syllable that he uttered. Then, bending over the balcony railings would repeat the august comment of the Emperor to those below who were craning up their necks to hear those words of the Emperor. They would then express awe saying in refrain *Karamat, Karamat* (a miracle!) with raised arms.

At last, the serious business of the Durbar began. The first name heralded to appear before the Emperor was the Prime Minister, Umdat-ul-Mulk. Thereafter, the courtiers and officials were summoned to appear before the balcony to be seen by the Emperor. Each one of them performed what was known as "Taslim," a particular kind of salute reserved only to the Emperor.

This required one to bend too low to place the back of the right hand on the ground and then raising the hand slowly till the person stood erect and then placing the palm of the hand on the crown of his head. This "Taslim" had to be repeated thrice and then he made his offering to the Emperor in the form of gifts, jewels or money on a gold tray. If the Emperor was pleased with the gift, he would place his open palm upon it. The tray was then taken behind the throne.

It was 12th of May 1666. After the Ministers had thus presented their gifts, the herald cried aloud, "Shivaji Raja." Immediately, Shivaji with his son Sambhaji and ten Maratha Officers moved to the enclosure below the balcony carrying a tray with a heap of 2,000 gold *mohurs.* However, Shivaji, instead of performing the "Taslim," saluted in a Maratha style by raising his hands in "Salaam" thrice to the Emperor bowing low and touching his forehead with his open hand.

There was a moment's silence in the hall. The courtiers and Ministers covertly watched the Emperor for his reaction. Aurangzeb was impassive, without any expression on his face. He accepted Shivaji's gift by nodding his head and was seen whispering to an official. The official immediately descended from the balcony and approaching Shivaji took him away from the centre of the hall to an enclosure where minor nobility in ranks were standing and went away. **It was clear the Emperor was looking for an excuse to revoke the safe conduct assured to Shivaji during his visit to Agra and Durbar.** Shivaji was upset. He was addressed by the herald (announcer) as Shivaji Raja. How then could a Raja be made to stand among lesser courtiers?

Shivaji turned round and asked a neighbour and began to protest creating a stir in the assembly. Ram Singh was alarmed and tried to calm Shivaji and promised to persuade the Emperor to treat Shivaji with honour that was his due. Aurangzeb, who noticed the interruption caused by Shivaji, ignored it and directed the officials to proceed with the ceremony of weighing the Emperor against gold to commence. After this ceremony, the Durbar came to an end.

Shivaji and Ram Singh returned together to Jaipur House. Soon, a surprise awaited Shivaji when soldiers on horseback surrounded the Jaipur House followed by foot soldiers and gunners who trained cannons at every door of the House. Shivaji knew what it was all about and he sank upon the *divan* (sofa) and burst into tears even as his son Sambhaji came to comfort him.

Shivaji thought it was his last farewell to his son as the Emperor might have planned his immediate execution. Surprisingly, it became clear Emperor Aurangzeb had no such plans to execute Shivaji, instead had plans to torture him with suspense. So much so Aurangzeb was sending Shivaji little messages with some fruits for what purpose nobody knew.

[To be continued]

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Second 'disinfectant tunnel' in city to prevent Coronavirus spread

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (SBD&BCT)- A second disinfection tunnel has been installed within the premises of K.R. Hospital last evening as a measure to prevent further spread of novel Coronavirus. The tunnel will ensure 'decrease' in the viral load on the body surface area. The first such tunnel was installed at Dasara Exhibition Grounds vegetable market recently.

The second tunnel has been sponsored by Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Foundation and was inaugurated by member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar. The Foundation has sponsored two disinfectant tunnels and after K.R. Hospital, one more tunnel will be installed in the premises of Cheluvamba Hospital. The District Administration is installing another such tunnel in the Lalitha Mahal Grounds vegetable market.

The State-run K.R. Hospital is a hub of COVID-19 testing, treatment and isolation. With the state-of-the-art Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (K.R. Hospital) that has been authorised to test COVID-19 samples, it is necessary to install such tunnels in the K.R. Hospital premises.

The tunnel is a walk-through structure and consists of three sets (a total of three nozzles each) of high-pressure micro-nozzle sprinklers fitted on the top and sides of the tunnel's steel frame. The sprinklers spray less than 1 percent of Sodium Hypochlorite solution, which is enough to destroy the virus on the surface. This is the permissible limit as per World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. The storage tank can work continuously and disinfect people.

The tunnel has been built to sanitise people within 20 seconds from any possible infectant bacteria and virus as people walk inside the tunnel between three to five seconds. It is completely safe and will not cause any dermatological or other health-related ailments. The tunnel will not eradicate the virus inside the body, but will definitely decrease the viral load on the body surface, experts said.

Additional Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) N.M. Shashikumar, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Ramesh Kikkeri of Clean Mysuru Group, C.R. Hanumanth, Proprietor of DRC Cinemas and others were present.

Nagamangala and Malavalli declared as Containment Zones

Mandya, Apr. 6 (Nagaiah)- With five Moulvis, who visited Nagamangala and Malavalli in the district after returning from Delhi's Nizamuddin Tablighi Jamaat testing positive for COVID-19, the Mandya District Administration has declared the two taluks as Containment Zones (Red Alert Zones).

The Moulvis are said to have toured Nagamangala and Malavalli taluks for religious campaign after returning from Delhi last month. The authorities, who traced the contacts, have kept 24 persons of Nagamangala under isolation while 7 persons from Malavalli, who had attended the Jamaat and 18 members of their families are under isolation.

With the two taluks being declared as Containment Zones, the authorities have enforced complete lockdown in Nagamangala, Malavalli and K.R.Pet taluks of the district.

Accordingly all meat shops, saloons, bakeries and eateries,tailoring shops etc., were ordered to shut down. Also all push-cart vendors selling vegetables, fruits and greens were asked to vacate. Only those vehicles leaving for emergency duties were allowed to travel.

Meanwhile, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh said that with Nagamangala and Malavalli taluks being declared as Containment Zones, all shops in the two taluks have been ordered to shut down till April 14.

Pointing out that the two taluks have been declared Containment Zones as there is a suspicion that many persons were in primary and secondary contacts with Moulvis who attended Delhi's Nizamuddin Tablighi Jamaat, the DC said that movement of all types of vehicles, barring those engaged in essential services, has been totally banned.

The DC further said that the blood samples of 12 persons who are found symptomatic have been sent to the Laboratory for testing on Sunday. Pointing out that blood samples of 11 persons tested earlier were found negative, he said that 107 persons in the district have been home quarantined.

Also, 24 persons from Nagamangala and 41 persons from Malavalli, who were in contact with the Moulvis, have been subjected to tests, with the Health Department keeping a close watch on their health.

Brahmins Assn. distributes food kits to priests, community members

Mysuru, Apr.6 (MTY&DM)- Taking a cue from various associations and organisations which are distributing essential commodities to the poor and the needy, the Mysuru District Brahmins Association too distributed free food kits to Priests serving at small temples of the city and poor community members at Ramamandira in Krishnamurthypuram this morning.

The Association aims to distribute 250 food packets, each containing 5kg of rice,1kg each of atta, edible oil, tur dal, salt and other food items.

Karnataka Brahmins Development Board Chairman K.S. Sachidananda, Association President D.T. Prakash, Social workers K. Raghuram, Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri and others were present.

Rain, hailstorms bring respite from sweltering heat

Mysuru/ Madikeri, Apr. 6 (BCT)- Rain brought some relief from sweltering heat and several parts of State including Mysuru and Kodagu received light to moderate rainfall coupled with thunderstorms and hailstorms last midnight. It began raining at around 12.20 am and the intermittent showers lasted for over an hour.

Police, Home Guards and other enforcement forces that were on streets implementing the lockdown had to run for cover due to the unexpected showers.

Kodagu district too recorded moderate rainfall in northern parts like Madikeri, Napoklu, Somwarpet, Galibeedu, Talacauvery, Kallugundi, Sampaje and Makkandur.

While many of these places received hailstorms, it did not rain in South Kodagu.

Following the gradual increase in mercury — that touched 40 degrees Celsius in some parts — and the formation of a trough from north to south, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a yellow alert on Saturday, suggesting moderate rain and thunderstorm activities in south interior and central Karnataka districts. The situation will prevail for a couple of days.

Attributing the rains and hailstorms to existing trough over peninsular region, **Dr. G.S. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), Bengaluru,** said the high temperature had resulted in the formation of convection clouds across North Karnataka.

The agro-advisory bulletin for Mysuru district released by Organic Farming Research Station at Naganahalli (OFRSN) says that the maximum temperature in Mysuru from Apr. 4 to Apr. 8 will be between 34 and 36 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature for those days is between 23 and 21 degrees Celsius.

Scattered rainfall

As per the forecast received from IMD, there will be cloudy sky, very light scattered rainfall till Apr. 8. The relative humidity in the morning hours is expected to be 72-84 percent and afternoon relative humidity is expected to be in the range 13-24 percent. Wind speed is expected to be 3 to 5 km per hour.

In the wake of COIVID-19, farmers have been advised to stay at home and only carry out only essential activities while ensuring social distancing.

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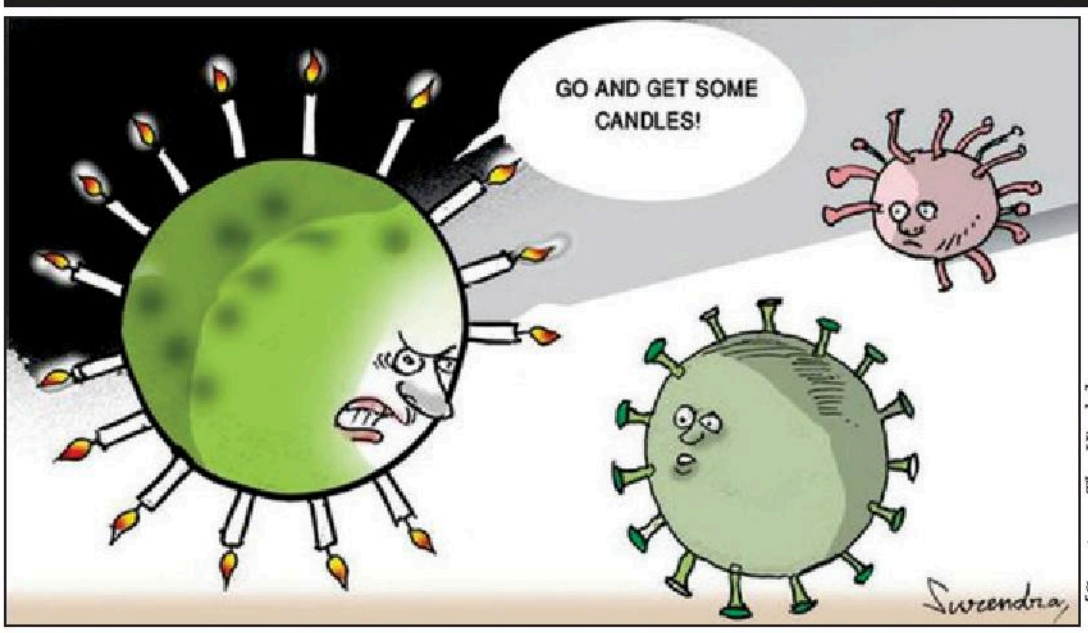

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Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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On strengthening friendship luck

There are phases in our lives when we go through our emotional turmoil and look for solutions and decide to stay on our own. However, when you have the care and support of a friend with whom one can share the thoughts, problems and talk it out, you feel a lot better. Having a good and supportive friend is very important for and to sustain a good relationship is even more essential.

Networking of friends or socialising is an extension of good friendship. At times, we attract friends who need us only for a specific purpose and once that has been achieved, they no longer remain a true friend.

To strengthen existing friendship or to attract new friends, Feng Shui can help you activate these aspirations effectively. If you wish to enhance your home when it comes to having more friends and mentors in your life, then you will want to pay attention to enhancing the North West sector of your home.

The other sector which relates to networking, mentor and friends is the North West. Ruled by metal, this is a very good area to hang either small or big metal chimes. It is interesting experimenting with chimes in this area. A number of smaller metal chimes might bring many friends.

It is said that moving your stuff can change your life. When you clear the clutter in your home it opens the door for new opportunity. Perhaps you have felt alone and without friends, perhaps you have felt exiled from friends and family.

A brightly lit south corner will help create more Yang energy that draws the attention of new people and social circles. A crystal chandelier or plants with lights are great activators for ushering in new friendships.

If you need specific friends or guidance for specific life aspirations, then you can magnify the possibilities of manifestation by placing symbolism which relates to that specific aspiration. For instance, if you would like advice on travel or want to travel then you might consider placing a world globe

Decorative metal bells and trinkets at North West are good to activate mentor and friendship luck

at the North West corner. The idea is to make sure that it is made out of glass or metal, so that it complements the energies that are in harmony with that sector. If you wish to enhance luck for a career mentor or someone who is popular then place a star made out of metal in the North West corner.

Try out the following at the North West sector of your home or office to enhance mentor, friendship and networking opportunities.

• Place pictures that represent people whom you would want to be helpful to you. It's also a good sector to place metal statue or a small altar with metal artefacts.

• Decorative metal bells and trinkets at North West are good to activate mentor and friendship luck.

• Place a silver box with your wishes and aspirations or desire to get help from people you wish support.

• Shades of grey or dark blue walls or furnishings with metal furniture is good in this sector.

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Distribution of food, grocery to the needy continues

Mysuru, Apr. 6 - In a bid to ward off hunger of the poor and the needy, various organisations have been distributing food and grocery items across the city from the time the lockdown was announced.

Hotel Owners' Association

The members of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association distributed food packets to over 400 poor people at Kumbarakoppal in city yesterday. The Association, led by its President C. Narayanagowda, along with Corporator Pailwan Srinivas, also distributed lunch to the patients and their family members at Jayadeva Hospital and Epidemic Diseases (ED) Hospital in city.

Rajeev Sneha Balaga

Members of Rajeev Sneha Balaga distributing food packets to those housed in one of the shelter homes in city. The Balaga has been distributing food to the needy since 12 days and has distributed more than 3,000 food packets so far.

Former Mayor distributes grocery at slum

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy distributed grocery items to over 130 families living in slum at Kalyangiri in Ward No. 35. Also, Corporator Satvik Sandesh Swamy distributed rice, dal and other items to the families of labourers, who are without work following the lockdown.

Sriramachandrapura Mutt feeds stray cattle

Bharatiya Go Parivar of Sri Ramachandrapura Mutt, along with Apoorva Sneha Balaga, provided grass and other items to stray cattle in and around Chamundipuram, Nanjumalige, Agrahara and surrounding areas yesterday. The initiative of providing fodder was led by Corporator M.V. Ramprasad.

Lead, kindly Light...

A lady lighting the earthen lamps at her house in Mysuru last night expressing her support to the call given by PM Narendra Modi to switch off lights for 9 minutes from 9 pm onwards and light lamps or candles or to flash the mobile phone torch.

Buddhisht Monks at Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement show their support to the PM's call by lighting candles.

Power engineers ensure India sails through 9 min lights off

New Delhi, Apr. 6 (Agencies)- As people across the country switched off the lights of their homes at 9 pm yesterday, power engineers across the country ensured that the 9 minutes of blackout does not lead to a collapse of the power grid across the country.

Staff at power companies, including PowerGrid, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), among others, said that they worked overtime to see that the power did not go out of control.

According to a Power Ministry official, adequate arrangements and protocol were in place to handle the power demand variation.

The All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) has congratulated power engineers and its employees for secure and reliable operation of power grid.

AIPEF Chairman Shailendra Dubey said that in Uttar Pradesh, the load-crash was 4,384 MW and at national level, it was about 31,000 MW which is "unprecedented".

National-level generation before 9 pm was 1,17,000 MW which came down to 86,000 MW while in UP, it came down from 13,288 MW to 9,100 MW, he added. Dubey noted that the whole credit goes to system engineers and employees.

Further, power producers reduced the generation much ahead of the event and reduced load on the grid that was to reduce power demand drastically. Load despatch centres had informed scheduling of power much ahead to prevent a voltage surge when all of sudden demand falls.

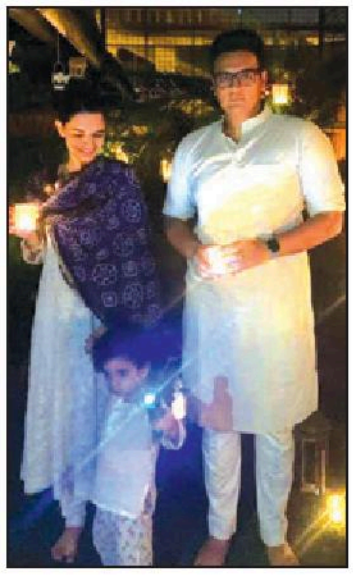
All State Governments' load despatch centres were kept in the loop so that there was proper management of the grid, said people in the know.

Senior power generation companies' officials said that the collective effort and planning ensured that grid frequency was maintained. Initially, there was a scare and it kept power officials busy during the weekend.

Union Power Minister R.K. Singh also monitored the power grid operations from the National Power Monitoring Centre here, along with other senior officers.

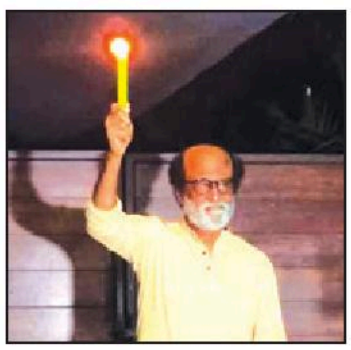
The Minister said there was huge response to PM's call as power demand went down from 117 GW to 85.3 GW within a span of 4 to 5 minutes.

He noted that this was handled "very very well by engineers across all levels." He congratulated all of them and said that ramp-up was also done "very smoothly" as demand and supply was back to 110 GW.



Titular Head of Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, along with his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar and son Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar, is seen holding the lamp last night.

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas holding a diya yesterday.

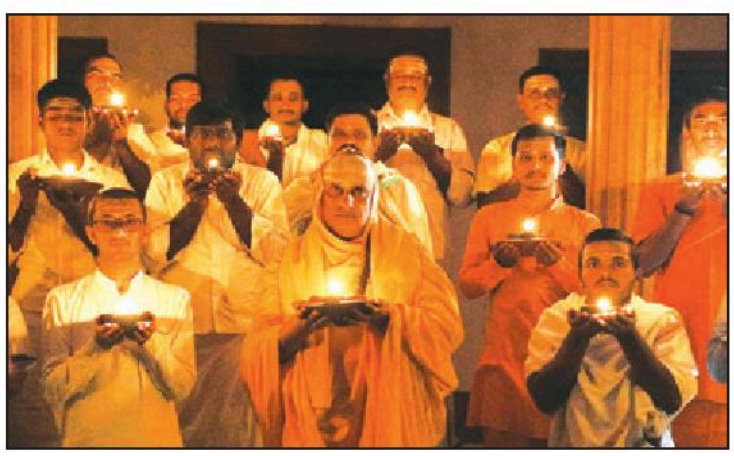


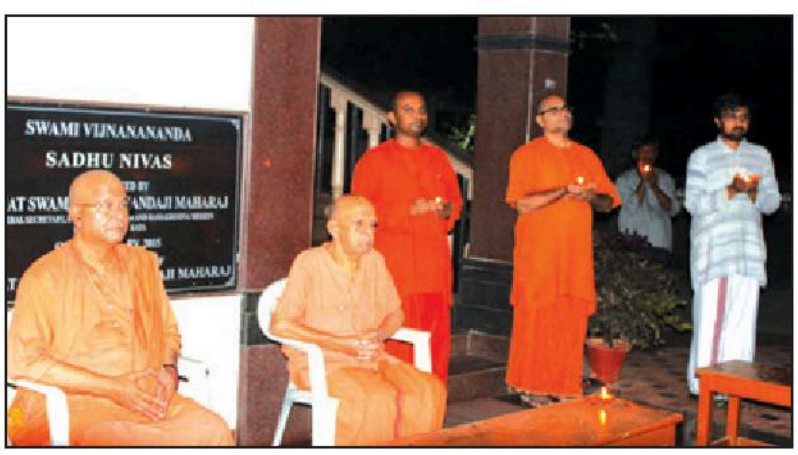
Superstar Rajinikanth with a candle outside his residence in Chennai.

Mysuru BJP leader Raghu Kautilya lit lamps along with his family members.

Both Hindu and Muslim community people came together at Chamundipuram to light lamps showcasing communal harmony.

Nuns at St. Joseph's Convent in Madikeri lit candles expressing solidarity at the hour of COVID-19 crisis.





Pic.1: ***Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji led the lighting of lamps in the Mysuru Branch of Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill;*** *Pic.2:* ***Earthen lamps were lit at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Mysuru in the presence of Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji;*** *Pic.3:* ***Siddaganga Seer Siddalinga Swamiji lighting a lamp at the Mutt premises in Tumakuru.***

WORD OF THE DAY

Solecism

Pronunciation: SAH-luh-siz-um.

Meaning: An ungrammatical combination of words in a sentence; also : a minor blunder in speech, something deviating from the proper, normal, or accepted order, a breach of etiquette or decorum.

Origin: The city of Soloi had a reputation for bad grammar. Located in Cilicia, an ancient coastal nation in Asia Minor, it was populated by Athenian colonists called soloikos (literally "inhabitant of Soloi"). According to historians, the colonists of Soloi allowed their native Athenian Greek to be corrupted and started using words incorrectly. As a result, soloikos gained a new meaning: "speaking incorrectly." Greeks used that sense as basis of soloikismos, meaning "an ungrammatical combination of words." That root, in turn, gave rise to the Latin soloecismus, the direct ancestor of the English word solecism. Nowadays, solecism can refer to social blunders as well as sloppy syntax.

Example: "We meet at the stroke of midday on an autumnal day in his West London apartment, where I instantly commit two sins from the Common list: being on time and being Scottish. My host kindly overlooks this double solecism and has made a jug of what he calls rosé cup...." — Jan Moir, The Daily Mail (UK), 14 Sept. 2019.

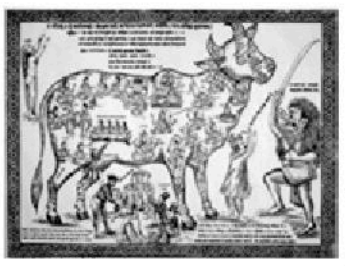
THE ODD WORD

Sacchariferous

Bearing sugar.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Sacred cow



Meaning: Something too highly regarded to be open to criticism.

Origin: This term is an allusion to the Hindu reverence for cows. The first use in English that is found of the term 'sacred cow' as a description of the recipient of that long-standing Hindu veneration is in an American newspaper from the 1850s. This is a reprint of a letter that was sent by Wady Jahed, an Indian emigre, living in Janesville, Wisconsin, to The Calcutta Times: "Mr. Jahed sent the letter on the '17th day of the 6th Moon' and The Janesville Free Press printed it in January 1854: sacred cow To the most eminent Kaali Ramon, High Brahmin, at Benares, India. The religion of the Hindoo is now well established here, but I find many things to correct. For instance the grain which they bring as an offering to the goddess Bhavani, which they pronounce brewery, they work up into a liquor which they drink in honour of the Gods, instead of feeding it to the sacred bulls and cows; they also eat the flesh of animals, and do other vile things. Kiss the sacred cow for me, and may Doorgha bless you at all times."

QUOTE BOX

The mere brute pleasure of reading the sort of pleasure a cow must have in grazing. **—Gilbert K. Chesterton**

RIDDLE THIS

What is full of holes but still holds water?

Answer: A sponge.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	2	5	9	1	4	6	7	3
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Roman counterpart of Greek goddess Rhea ?
4 Son of Lord Rama and Sita
8 Short journey
12 Drink by sips or spoonfuls
13 "A" in A.D. ?
14 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
15 Over-indulged (5-3)
17 Compass point
18 Release from being bound
19 Famous Australian city
20 ___-crasher : an uninvited intruder at a party?
22 Had a go
24 Maturing or growing old
26 Sell-out sign: abbr.
27 Room within a harem
30 Great Indian leader
32 Cutting instruments
34 Neighbour of Uru.
35 Oxford dict.
37 Upright stone slab
38 Papal council
40 Operatic solo
41 Backless seat
44 It is no use crying over such milk
46 Eastern teacher
47 Denoting, depicting or suggesting
50 Ski lift (1-3)
51 A false biblical god
52 'Me' in French
53 Dispatched or transmitted
54 ___ well that ends.....
55 A little work

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

L	O	L	A	■	R	S	A	■	O	R	B	S
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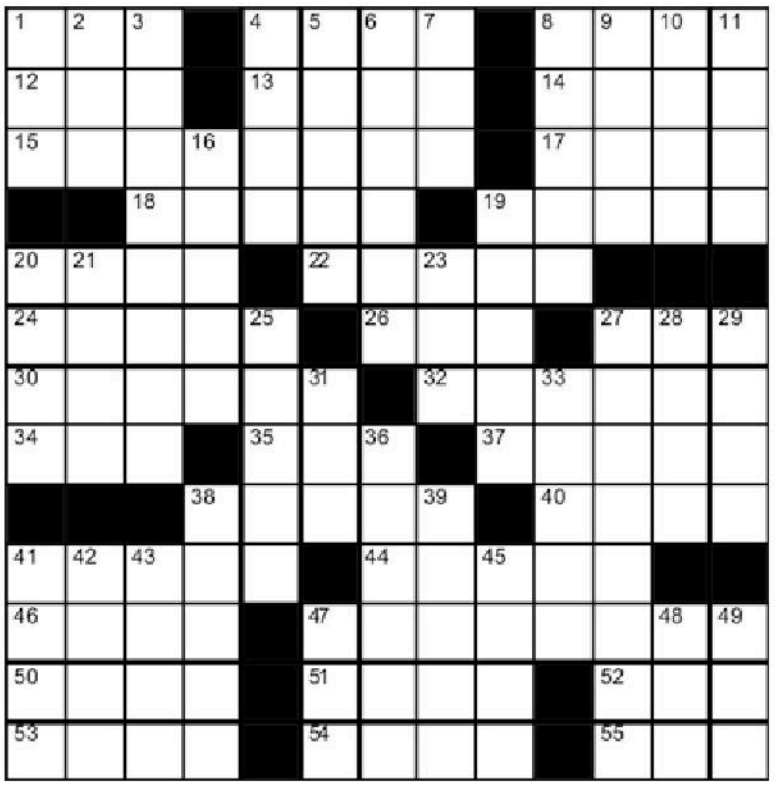
DOWN

1 CIA precursor
2 Young dog
3 Streaming or pouring
4 Immanuel ___ : famous German philosopher?
5 In poor shape
6 Scoffs
7 Builders use this to carry mortar, etc.
8 Held at bay
9 At the back
10 Short for 'instant', or the present month
11 Seeds?
16 Upturned (2-3)
19 Office boys in our local offices?
20 Pop star Lady ____
21 Culture medium
23 Bother
25 Malevolent spirit
27 Extra hours worked
28 Food store in short?
29 On the briny
31 Comparative ending ?
33 Boot shaped European country
36 Depressingly dreary
38 ___ disaster : do something quite risky?
39 Dismay or horrify
41 Sergeants, in short
42 Long hollow cylinder
43 Algerian port
45 Complaints, problems or maladies?
47 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
48 Neither partner
49 A two-wheeled, one-horse vehicle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UOPEP'X SFDSNX XQHPKQYN DOQ VX GSVY UQQ HAMO, STY

USCPY UQQ FVUUFP - STY VU'X SFDSNX XQHPKQYN PFXP.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS O

Saturday's Cryptoquip: You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

Mysuru Railway Division works overtime to convert coaches into Isolation Wards

Mosquito nets being fixed to coach windows before converting the bogies into Isolation Wards at the city Railway Station. Picture right shows a Railway official explaining the interiors of a coach that is being converted into a Ward.

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (BCT)- Engineers, technicians, workers and supervisors of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, are working overtime to convert train coaches into Isolation Wards, providing an ingenuous, clean, sanitised and hygienic surroundings for COVID-19 patients to comfortably recover.

A team of 60 to 75 persons are working in two shifts every day to convert coaches into Wards as specified by the Railway Board. In all, the South Western Railway has a task of converting 312 coaches and the Mysuru Division Workshop has a target of completing 120 coaches while the Mysuru Depot has taken on the task of converting 18 coaches into Wards.

A total of 138 coaches are being readied at Central Workshop Ashokapuram, Mysuru and CDO Office, Mysuru and already 18 coaches have been converted into Isolation Wards with all the necessary equipment and separate cabins.

Each coach can accommodate eight patients. Divisional Railway Manager Aparna Garg and Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO Priya Shetty told reporters that since Mysuru already has sufficient medical facilities and equipment to handle Coronavirus patients, the coaches made in Mysuru will travel to other destinations.

The Railway Board and the Centre will decide on the location of Isolation Wards depending on the need and the number of patients affected by the pandemic, they added. "The trains, once ready, will be sent to any location that might be facing a hospital bed crunch due to a potential spike in positive cases," Aparna Garg said.

The Indian Railways network, which is the world's fourth-largest rail operator and India's biggest employer, already operates 125 hospitals across the nation, has the expertise to expand into mobile beds. As the trains are mobile, have a broad reach, have toilets, can be put along stations and can reach nook and corner of the country this idea of coach conversion has been implemented.

As per the specifications mentioned by the Railway Board, non-air conditioned carriages that are no longer in operation on passenger routes are being converted into Wards and will be ready for use in case of an emergency.

Officials said that if necessary, more carriages can be converted into Isolation Wards within 48 hours. The Mysuru Division is aiming to complete all the 138 coaches in another 10 days, officials added.

CFTRI provides two PCR equipment to hasten COVID-19 testing

Mysuru, Apr. 6- The Mysuru-based CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) is joining hands with the District Administration in combating the spread of COVID-19 by making available equipment needed for testing of samples.

COVID-19 infection is at present detected by a very sophisticated and precise technique called **Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)** method which requires extraction of RNA of virus from samples and amplification of the same using a PCR machine.

CSIR-CFTRI has provided two PCR machines and one RNA extraction unit along with necessary chemicals to the District Administration for coping with the large number of samples to be tested in the district.

Mysuru district has been identified as one of the four hotspot districts in Karnataka with large number of suspect infections. The suspected persons quarantined need to be tested before and after the quarantine period for the presence of virus in their body, whether they show the disease symptoms or not.

"Precise and accurate testing is the need of the hour. Since the test is very sophisticated and is being done in select centres approved for testing by the Indian Council of Medical Research, we are supporting by way of adding to the capacity," says **Dr. KSMS Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI.** Along with the equipment, two skilled technicians will also be provided for the period required by the District Administration, he said.

The PCR machines were handed over yesterday (Apr. 5). Dr. Amrutha Kumari, Nodal Officer, VRDL and In-Charge COVID Test Laboratory, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (K.R. Hospital), Mysuru, received the equipment. This would help the centre to triple the number of tests done per day, she said.

The RNA extraction unit will be reached in a week's time, according to a press release from A.S.K.V.S.Sharma, Co-ordinator, Information & Publicity. For further information contact Ph: 0821-2515910 or Mob: 9886640328 or e-mail: *iandp@cftri.res.in.*

Food Kits distributed to Tourist Guides

Mysuru, Apr. 6 (MTY&DM)- A day after Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi issued instructions, the Tourism Department in association with KSTDC (Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation) distributed Food Kits to 45 registered Tourist Guides of the city at the premises of Hotel Mayura Hoysala on JLB Road here this morning.

Each Kit contains 10 kg of Rice and 1 kg each of Tur Dal, Urd Dal, Green Dal, Rava, Beaten Rice, Edible Oil, Salt, Potato and Onion.

Speaking on the occasion, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels, said that it was happy to note that the Tourism Department distributed free Food Kits to registered Tourist Guides of Mysuru at a time when the entire country is under COVID-19 lockdown.

Noting that the Department should also look at tourist vehicle drivers, who are 800 in number in the city, he said that the Department must take initiative for distributing food kits to at least half of them, while all other Tourism stakeholders will pool in to distribute the same to the remaining half.

Highlighting the plight of vehicle drivers who have lost income due to the lockdown, he said that he will submit a memorandum to the Government seeking Food Kits and other essential items to tourist vehicle drivers.

KSTDC Regional Manager Uday Kumar, Tourism Assistant Director H.P. Janardhan, C.A. Jayakumar of Mysuru Travels Association, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda, Shivalingaiah and others were present.

Yesterday, Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi distributed free Food Kits to Tourist Guides at Belur in Hassan district.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that his Department had undertaken this novel initiative to come to the help of Tourist Guides at this hour of crisis, when the entire country is under COVID-19 lockdown.

He has instructed the Department officials to distribute free Food Kits to all registered Tourist Guides at Mysuru, Halebeedu, Srirangapatna, Chitradurga, Badami, Hampi and other prominent tourism destinations of the State, he added.

'Boby Heli Taxi' to ferry patients from Kerala to Mangaluru

Mysuru, Apr. 6- The 812-km run Unique World Record title holder Dr. Boby Chemmanur of Chemmanur Jewellers has donated one helicopter free of cost to the Government to transport COVID-19 patients from Kerala to Karnataka.

A communication sent to Kerala Chief Minister says that 'Boby Heli Taxi' will ferry patients from Kasargod in Kerala to Mangaluru in Karnataka. The connecting road between the two States has been blocked by Karnataka Government as Kerala (Kasargod in particular) is a hotbed of COVID-19 cases with many testing positive each day.

As entry through the border is restricted, a few patients have died as they were unable to reach Kasargod from the hospitals in Karnataka. Hence, this service would be helpful. Other essential services will be provided by the helicopter under the direction of the Government, Dr. Boby Chemmanur added.

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COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	2,833
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,284
Persons isolated in hospital	:	28
Persons completed 14-days isolation	:	1,521
Total samples tested	:	200
Samples found negative	:	164
Total positive cases	:	35
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

STATE & NATION

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	163
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	4
Total positive cases in India	:	4,000
Death toll so far in India	:	130

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

First Coronavirus positive patient in Mysuru cured

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar holds closed door meeting with District Health Officials

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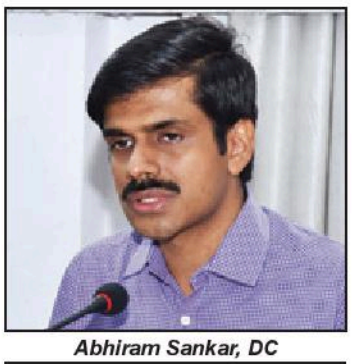
Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar held a closed - door meeting with District Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and other officers this morning at the DC Office Court Hall this morning and has collected all information related to the first positive patient.

A report has been sent to the State Government asking for clearance to release the patient. The District authorities are awaiting the confirmation from Bengaluru and if it comes, the patient will be released by today evening, sources added.



Abhiram Sankar, DC

The number of people directed to stay under home quarantine in the district has come down to 1,284 from 1,705 yesterday. Today, seven more people from Mysuru tested positive.

As per the media bulletin released by the Health Department this afternoon, 20-year-old P154, contact of P104 (brother), 37-year-old P155, 57-year-old P156 and 22-year-old P157 with a history of travel to Delhi, 26-year-old P158 (details yet to receive), 32-year-old P159 (female), Jubilant Pharmaceutical Company worker as same as P52 and 35-year-old P160 (from Dubai) has been tested positive today. All the 35 people, who tested positive for the coronavirus are under isolation.

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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